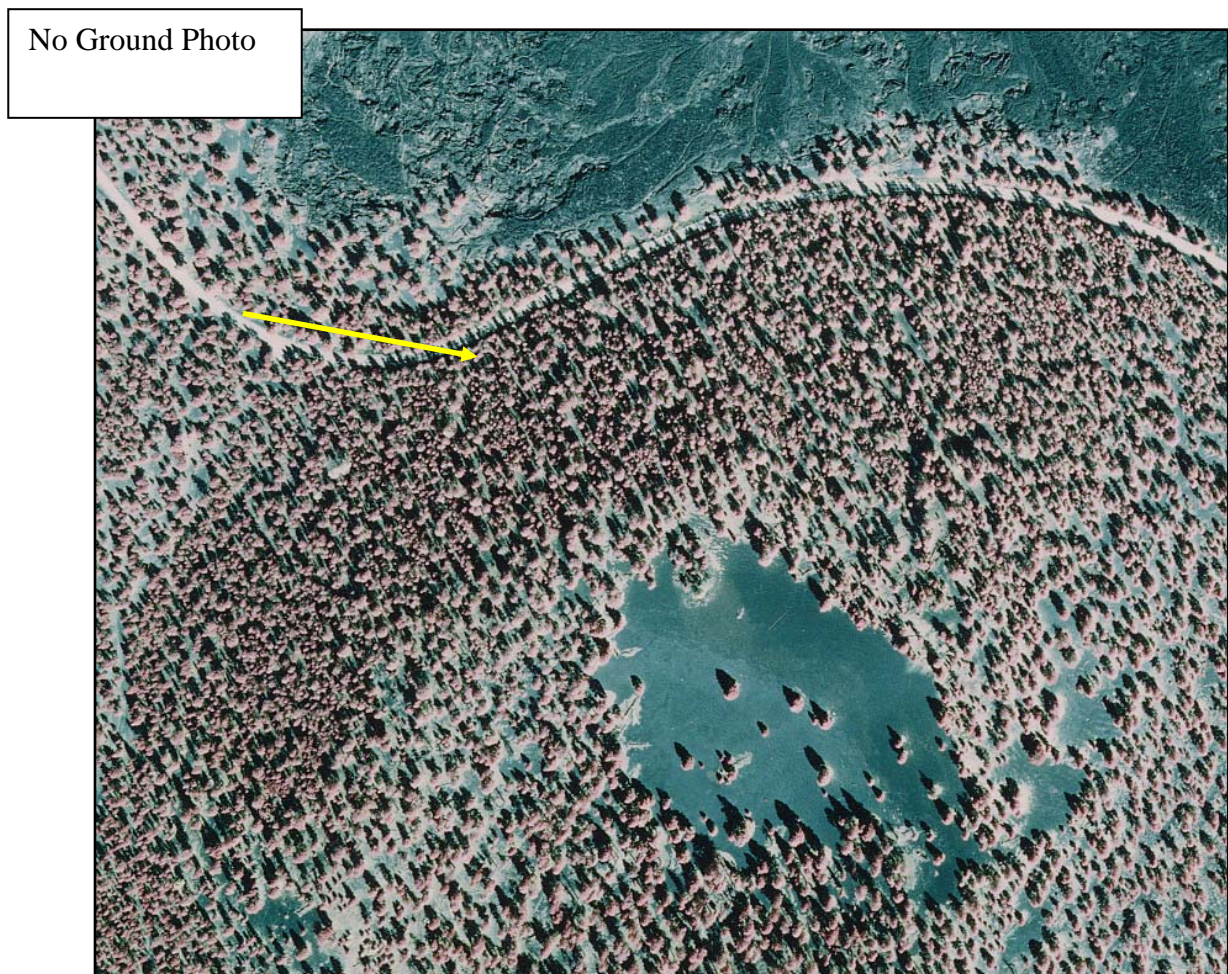


Quaking Aspen / Cinder Woodland

Location. The Quaking Aspen / Cinder Woodland Class was used to delineate small stands of aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) in and around SUCR. Only two patches were mapped using four polygons. One patch occurred within the monument just south of the Sunset Crater road on the north slope of Lenox Crater. The other patch occurred in the northwest portion of the study area in the project environs. Other scattered aspen stands were not big enough to map.



Photosignature. Aspen trees were difficult to distinguish from ponderosa pines due in part to their intermixing and the pale color of the infrared photography. Aspen trees canopies were slightly pinker than pines and appeared as “fluffs” rather than cones. Ground verification by the ecologists supplemented the photo interpretation for this class.